
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CASE CLOSURE CONSIDERATION, UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK RELEASE, WESTCHESTER MOBIL, 3200 F STREET, BAKERSFIELD, KERN COUNTY, RB CASE 5T15000938

To: Offsite Property Owners and Other Interested Persons

This letter is to inform interested parties of the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board's (Central Valley Water Board) consideration of closing the subject case, and to request comments from interested parties regarding the proposed closure at the above listed property (Site). An unauthorized release of fuel from the underground storage tank (UST) system was discovered during a site investigation in August 2018. Central Valley Water Board staff opened an unauthorized release case and requested investigation by letter of 27 November 2018.

The Site is at 3200 F Street, on the southeast corner of F Street and Golden State Frontage Road, on the south side of State Highway 204 (Golden State Avenue), in an area of commercial properties in the City of Bakersfield. The Site is an operating convenience store having retail motor fuel sales since 1967. Two 10,000-gallon single-wall lined steel USTs are used to store gasoline. The property is listed as Kern County Assessor's Parcel Number 001-040-001.

Low concentrations of gasoline constituents were detected in soil samples collected beneath the USTs from 20 – 30 feet below site grade during the August 2018 investigation. Gasoline constituents were not detected in samples from beneath the multiproduct fuel dispensers. Additional investigation to determine the extent, concentration and health risk from gasoline constituents in soil was conducted during August and December 2019. The total mass of petroleum hydrocarbons in soil was estimated to be very small, less than 32 pounds and health risk was less than the level of concern.

Three monitoring wells were installed during August 2019 to collect groundwater samples. Groundwater depth was measured at approximately 26 -27 feet below site grade. Gasoline constituents were not detected in groundwater during three sampling events conducted from September 2019 to January 2020.

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Case closure is proposed in accordance with Central Valley Water Board staff's conclusion that information presented for this case demonstrates compliance with the criteria contained in the State Water Resources Control Board's *Low-Threat Underground Storage Tank Case Closure Policy*. There is no evidence of contaminated groundwater, and no further action regarding this release is necessary. Any remaining petroleum hydrocarbons at the Site should continue to naturally attenuate and should not adversely impact environmental quality, the beneficial uses of groundwater, or pose an unacceptable risk to human health. All technically and economically feasible cleanup has been completed.

This Public Notice has been transmitted to parties on the attached list, and is posted on the [Central Valley Water Board website](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/public_notices/) (http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/public_notices/), under Public Notices, Underground Storage Tanks-Decisions Pending & Case Closures. Details of the site assessment and cleanup are also available through the [State Water Board GeoTracker website](http://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/) (<http://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/>) by searching for case number **5T15000938**. This information may also be reviewed at the Central Valley Water Board office at 1685 E Street in Fresno, California.

You may participate in the case closure process by reviewing technical reports, asking questions, and providing comments. Comments regarding the proposed closure need to be submitted to the Central Valley Water Board office at the above listed address **by 3 April 2020**.

Interested parties with questions or comments regarding the site or the proposed action should contact John Whiting at the above address, by e-mail at John.Whiting@waterboards.ca.gov, or by telephone at (559) 445-5504.

On completion of the public comment period and in the absence of substantive comment against closure being granted, Central Valley Water Board staff will proceed with the closure process for the case.